

# WEEKLY REPORT TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

Week ending April 19, 2012

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Finance

The Town has been awarded its 10th Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2011. A press release will be issued stating, "The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device."

**FY12-13 Budget Process**—The final draft of the FY12-13 proposed budget document has been distributed to the Town Council and posted on the Town's website; there is also a link for citizens to provide comments or ask questions. A public open house on the proposed budget was held on Wednesday, April 18, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and attendance was minimal. Staff continues to make presentations to various groups/organizations during the month of April and will present to the Realtors Group on Friday, April 20.

### **Licensing**

#### In Town:

Parkview Center, LLC - 15620 East Cholla Dr  
RM Young Properties LLC DBA Young Capital Mgt Inc - 15204 Zapata Dr  
Fontana Hair Inc - 12605 N Saguaro Blvd #5  
Joyce A. Malito DBA The Joy of Cleaning - 14513 North Lark Court

#### Out of Town:

Desert Heating & Cooling, LLC - Apache Junction, AZ  
Touch Green Energy Inc DBA Top Greener Electric Supply - Tempe, AZ  
Polo Electric, LLC - Chandler, AZ

### Town Clerk

On Thursday, April 19, ballots will be mailed to qualified voters who registered by the registration deadline for the May 15, 2012 General Election.

Town Hall and the three Maricopa County Recorder office locations will serve as replacement ballot stations during regular business hours beginning on April 23. Town Hall is open from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday (closed Friday). Maricopa County Recorder office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A sealed ballot box will be located at the second floor Customer Service area at Town Hall, located at 16705 E. Avenue of the Fountains, for those voters who do not wish to return their voted ballot/affidavit envelopes by U.S. Mail. The affidavit envelope must be signed by the elector.

For questions related to voter registration status, please call the Town



Clerk's office at 480-816-5115 or Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Community Center

The Watch and Clock Collectors held their monthly meeting on Saturday, April 14.

The Noon Kiwanis Blood Drive will be held this Friday and Saturday, April 20 and April 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

The Fountain Hills Republican Club will be holding their monthly meeting on Saturday, April 21, at 9:00 a.m.

### Senior Services

On Wednesday, April 18, Senior Services hosted a travelogue entitled, "Major Tourist Destinations throughout Arizona," featuring destinations from the Grand Canyon to Kartchner Caverns. There were 16 attendees.

Staff is working with Little Caesars Pizza to host a summer pizza party for Activity Center members in mid-August. Staff is also continuing to work on developing new program and presentations ideas for next year.

**Home Delivered Meals** – Year-to-date meal count chart:

Month	Budgeted for 2011-2012	2011-2012 Total Meals	2010-2011 Total Meals	2009-2010 Total Meals	2008-2009 Total Meals	2007-2008 Total Meals	Meal Diff from 10-11
July	930	716	886	753	650	619	-170
August	930	724	823	719	780	620	-99
September	870	704	802	796	748	583	-98
October	930	699	804	893	742	618	-105
November	870	669	883	916	665	527	-214
December	930	632	841	979	678	549	-209
January	930	710	787	959	721	625	-77
February	812	698	733	802	630	724	-35
March	930	647	758	917	680	727	-111
April	870		822	851	726	665	
May	930		863	817	807	694	
June	868		740	767	759	601	
	10800		9742	10169	8586	7552	-1118

### Parks

The Parks Division staff is assisting with the Greening of Downtown Committee's Eagle Scout projects at **Fountain Park**. The irrigation and top soil were installed this week in the Cactus Garden and the Low Water Landscape by the amphitheater. Staff anticipates completion of both project sites by Monday, April 30.

Staff is also continuing with ball field prep at each park, starting with turf fertilizing, dragging infields for practices and games, and facilities maintenance. Little League, Senior Softball, and the Fountain Hills High School teams are using the facilities daily.

Staff is also focusing on irrigation repairs as we get ready for the hot temperatures that persist this time of year. We will be shifting to our summer schedule starting Tuesday, May 29. Park staff hours will be 5:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Splash Park** operations have gone well during the first week of the opening. The usage has been a bit slow

due to the cooler temperatures; however, that will change with the warmer temperatures forecast for this weekend. Hours of operation are from 9:00 a.m. to sunset daily.

### Recreation

Earlier this week, **Recreation Supervisor Bryan Hughes** passed an examination and received the honor of becoming the third professional from Arizona to obtain the **Certified Parks and Recreation Executive (CPRE) Certification**. As of January, there were only 52 professionals nationwide to have obtained the certification, which was first offered at the October 2011 NRPA Congress in Atlanta. Congratulations to Bryan!

**Middle School Madness** – Ultimate Game Night will be held this Friday, April 20, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Center. This event is open to teens in 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades and includes games, Xbox 360, pizza, a DJ, and more! It is co-sponsored by the MCSO Midnight Madness Foundation and the Fountain Hills Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

**Botanical Garden Society** – Docent led tours of the Town's Desert Botanical Garden concluded their season this month. Attendance was good for this first-year program, with as many as 18 participating in one of the walks. The docents are trained on the plants that are native to the Sonoran Desert, as well as history and geology. The group is already discussing their plans for next season, which will begin in November. This group also volunteers and maintains the Town's Desert Wildflower Garden next to the pumphouse at Fountain Park and is scheduled to perform work there, including weeding, next Monday, April 23.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Planning

Maintenance crews finished their work for the year removing vegetation and trimming up trees in 48 acres of Town-owned washes. They will be completing the rest of the work by applying herbicides to the salt cedar and desert broom to help ensure the growth will not return. The Town has applied for a grant through the Maricopa County Emergency Management Agency. If awarded, the Town would receive \$20,000 to do additional fire mitigation work in area washes.

Staff held a mandatory pre-bid meeting on April 17 with four contractors (none local) who responded to the Invitation for Bid on the HVAC upgrades to Town Hall and the Community Center. The upgrade is part of the Energy Efficiency Block Grant program and will provide individual HVAC systems for the IT and electrical rooms, which require lower temperatures than the surrounding office space.

### Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement has opened 43 cases so far in April.

As the weather heats up, more complaints are coming in regarding resident concerns about fire hazards related to overgrown vegetation. Code Enforcement works jointly with the Fire Marshal to investigate and address such matters. Residents are encouraged to discuss concerns with their neighbors before contacting the Town, as many issues can be resolved with a friendly discussion.

Staff has also been responding to a significant number of expired business licenses. Business owners are asked to be diligent about keeping their licenses up-to-date in order to avoid late fees. Business are also asked to contact the Town with any changes in status or location to avoid confusion.

## Building Safety

### **Applications Received**

Addition/Remodel	3
Fence	4
Electric	2
Gas	1
Misc.	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

### **Permits Issued**

Addition/Remodel	3
Pool	1
Gas	1
Fence	1
Solar	1
Electric	2
Misc.	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>